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REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment is requested. The fees to be charged applicant are based upon applicant's assumption of entry of this preliminary amendment.

For the specification, applicants have amended the specification to indicate that the application is a National Stage patent application from PCT/EP03/03666. Applicants have inserted the abstract from the PCT International Application onto a separate page and address typographical errors.

For the claims, applicants filed amended claims under Article 34 of the PCT. Applicants have further amended claims 3 to 9 and 11 to 13 to remove multiple dependencies and claim 14 to address typographical errors. In identifying the status of the claims, applicant has made the assumption that the amended claims filed under Article 34 of the PCT are to be considered the "original" claims.

The Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned if there are issues with the preliminary amendment to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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